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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND METHODS  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application 38 pages, including 3 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings- 8 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-8).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/151,790 filed August 31, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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